

FOREWORD

In the fall of 1929, the Faculty of Western Carolina Teachers College voted to have at Cullowhee each year a program devoted to some aspect of Western North Carolina—its resources, history, institutions, leading citizens, or needs, etc. This annual event was to be known as "Western Carolina Day." When the time came, however, to prepare for the initial program in this series, the Committee charged with the responsibility of arranging for the program could not divest itself of the notion of emphasizing Governor Gardner's "live-at-home" idea. The College has repeatedly proclaimed its desire to be of genuine service in any direction which helps the citizenship of the State, and especially the citizenship of Western North Carolina. This "Western Carolina Live-at-Home Conference" was born, therefore, out of the twin idea of serving this mountain section and of backing our Governor in a worthy and patriotic enterprise.